

An effective government needs the support of its citizens, and Congressman Blumenauer has fought in the House for legislation that would increase the transparency and efficiency of government, and increase public confidence.

Ethics Reform

In 2007, he introduced [H.R. 1136](#) , "The Ethics Reform Act of 2007," which would create for the first time an independent ethics commission with jurisdiction over the House of Representatives.

Campaign Finance Reform

In the wake of the *Citizens United vs Federal Elections Commission*, Congressman Blumenauer [stated:](#)

"Today's Supreme Court decision is an unfortunate escalation in the campaign spending arms race. Opening the corporate spigot directly into Congressional and Presidential elections will further tilt the playing field towards a narrow range of interests, already well represented with lobbyists and campaign contributions."

Congressman Blumenauer supports public financing and is cosponsored H.R. 1826, [The Fair Elections Now Act](#) , which would provide funds to House candidates who are able to prove they have broad community support.

Congressman Blumenauer has supported the Underground Campaign Disclosure Act, which requires independent political organizations to meet Federal Election Commission disclosure and reporting requirements, including information about their donors. He has also advocated for the passage of the Clean Money, Clean Elections Act, to create public financing and free and reduced-rate broadcast time for candidates who forgo essentially all private contributions. He cosponsored the Campaign Telemarketers Disclosure Act, which would require disclosing the identification of anyone making campaign-related telephone calls.

